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PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING THERMALLY ASSISTED RECORDING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed February 3, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-15 for further prosecution, without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments a telephone conference at the number set forth below is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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